
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Virtual Meeting via WebEx

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2007](#)

BY Euer, Coyne, Quezada, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Sosnowski, Miller, Archambault, Pearson, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- SECRETARY OF STATE -- LET RI VOTE ACT {LC3182/1} (Allows voting by mail without needing an excuse/improves voter roll cleanup/allows applying for mail ballots through online system/allows nursing home residents to receive mail ballot applications automatically/codifies mail ballot drop box requirements.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2091](#)

BY F Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS {LC3930/1} (Replaces the requirement that the notice for the final canvass be posted in a newspaper and instead this act would require the notice for the final canvass to be published on the official website maintained by the city or town.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2097](#)

BY Mack, Zurier, Kallman, Anderson, Acosta, Miller, Valverde, Lawson, Calkin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES {LC3644/1} (Repeals the state voter identification law.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2099](#)

BY Archambault, Burke, Ruggerio, Coyne

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC3559/1} (Allows voters to endorse nomination of candidacy documents by mail, email, or facsimile and deliver to the candidate or board of canvassers in-person, via mail, email or facsimile.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2114](#)

BY F Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- ELECTIVE MEETINGS {LC3929/1}

(Allows local boards of canvassers discretion to substitute the physical posting in each voting district of senatorial, representative district meetings/voting district meetings for the purposes of election/publication in a newspaper local circulation.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2115](#)

BY F Lombardi, Lombardo, Felag, DiMario, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CANVASSING THE LISTS OF

QUALIFIED ELECTORS {LC3928/1} (Allows audio recordings to be taken of local boards of canvassers' proceedings and be maintained as a permanent record of the board.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2118](#)

BY Archambault, Coyne, Burke, Felag, Raptakis, Seveney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS {LC3575/1} (Entitles disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2119](#)

BY Coyne, Euer, McCaffrey, F Lombardi, Ciccone, Burke, Kallman, Archambault, Miller, Goodwin

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC3243/1} (Allows the board of elections to begin the certification of mail ballots twenty (20) days prior to election day. It also establishes a new and more comprehensive mail ballot voter signature verification process.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2123](#)

BY DiMario, Murray, Euer, Valverde, Lawson, Cano, Zurier, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC3948/1} (Includes the general assembly elections within the category of elections subject to the risk-limiting audits within the jurisdiction of the board of elections.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2151](#)

BY Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - PRIMARY ELECTIONS {LC3258/1}

(Requires that for all primaries, the candidates' names would be listed on the ballot, in an order chosen by lot, under the direction of the secretary of state.)

01/25/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2215](#)

BY Burke, Archambault, Valverde, DiMario, Coyne, Ciccone, McCaffrey, Cano, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- MERIT

SYSTEM {LC4079/1} (Allows a classified employee to seek elected office provided that they resign their position upon being elected.)

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2216](#)

BY DiMario, Euer, Lawson, Pearson, Murray, Burke, Coyne, Kallman, Cano, Valverde

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE

ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION - PERSONS

ENTITLED TO VOTE {LC4005/1} (This joint resolution would authorize the submission to the electors of a constitutional amendment that would allow eligible citizens to register to vote removing the requirement that the registration be completed thirty (30) days before an election.)

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2232](#)

BY Zurier, DiMario, Kallman, McCaffrey

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO

STUDY RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GENERAL OFFICER

PRIMARIES {LC4276/1} (This resolution creates a seven (7) member commission to study ranked

choice voting for General Assembly and General Officer primaries, and would report back to the

President of the Senate on or before February 1, 2023, and would expire on July 1, 2023.)

02/08/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2253](#)

BY F Lombardi, Ciccone, Picard, Miller, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS

POLLING PLACE CAP {LC4461/1} (Increases the maximum number of voters that a polling place can accommodate from three thousand (3,000) to four thousand (4,000).)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2254](#)

BY Raptakis, F Lombardi, Sosnowski, Archambault, Anderson, Lombardo, Burke, DiPalma, Mendes, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS {LC4134/1} (Allows non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming an affiliated party voter.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2255](#)

BY Zurier, Kallman, McCaffrey, Coyne, Miller, Archambault

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARY ELECTIONS -- GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES -- RANKED CHOICE VOTING {LC4475/1} (Establishes an instant runoff form of ranked choice voting, limited to general assembly primary elections, when there are three (3) or more candidates.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2256](#)

BY Raptakis, Sosnowski, Archambault, Anderson, F Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS - NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES {LC4493/1} (Removes the requirement that unopposed candidates who file valid declarations of candidacy need to file nominating signatures for certification.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2257](#)

BY Quezada, Archambault, Cano, Euer, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- RESIDENCE OF INDIVIDUALS IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY ACT {LC3700/1} (Requires that the state use the actual residences of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes. Such information would be collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the secretary of state, to be utilized for redistricting.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2258](#)

BY Raptakis, DiPalma, Murray, Archambault, F Lombardi, DiMario, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- NOMINATION OF PARTY AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES -- DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND PRIMARY VOTES {LC4133/1} (Sets earlier deadline from June to April for filing declaration of candidacy and nomination papers.)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

This meeting will be streamed live online through Capitol TV
<http://rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>

All public testimony for this hearing will be virtual

Written testimony can be submitted to the committee by emailing it to:
slegislation@rilegislature.gov

Members of the public can request to provide verbal testimony to the committee through the following link: [**VERBAL TESTIMONY**](#)

***Requests to provide verbal testimony must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Monday, February 14, 2022.**

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